

Maine Wild Blueberries

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2013 WILD BLUEBERRIES

Maine's 2013 **wild blueberry** crop totaled 87.9 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2012 production. The price growers expect to receive for processing berries in 2013 averaged \$0.75 per pound, unchanged from 2012 and \$0.15 lower than 2011. Value of production of 2013 wild blueberries for processing is \$64.95 million, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Dry conditions in the spring of 2013 reduced the number of infection periods for mummy berry disease. However,

wet weather at the peak of bloom resulted in unprecedented blossom blight. Pollination and fruit set were uneven because of weather variations in different parts of the region during bloom. Harvest began during the last week in on par with the average. When harvest began, the crop was reported in good to excellent condition in a number of areas due to adequate precipitation during July. Harvest was complete during the first week of September, also on par with the average.

MAINE WILD BLUEBERRIES: Production and Value, 2004 – 2013

Year	Total Production	All Price per Pound	Total Value of Production	Fresh Wild Blueberries			Wild Blueberries for Processing		
				Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Lbs	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Lbs	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Lbs	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2004	46,000	0.456	20,970	300	1.350	405	45,700	0.450	20,565
2005	60,150	0.656	39,430	350	1.600	560	59,800	0.650	38,870
2006	74,600	0.805	60,040	400	1.700	680	74,200	0.800	59,360
2007	77,250	1.070	83,031	450	1.900	855	76,800	1.070	82,176
2008	89,950	0.610	54,850	550	2.200	1,210	89,400	0.600	53,640
2009	88,100	0.363	31,945	600	2.200	1,320	87,500	0.350	30,625
2010	83,000	0.610	50,600	500	2.200	1,100	82,500	0.600	49,500
2011	79,900	0.910	72,690	600	2.200	1,320	79,300	0.900	71,370
2012	91,100	0.758	69,075	500	2.250	1,125	90,600	0.750	67,950
2013	87,890	0.757	65,984	530	1.950	1,034	86,600	0.750	64,950

Wild Blueberries: Total Production and Value, Maine, 2004 – 2013

